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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ GREETINGS TO
AMBASSADORS AND REFERENCE TO MARCONA
PROBLEM

1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ EXCHANGED
GREETINGS WITH LIMA AMBASSADORIAL CORPS ON SEPTEMBER
4. HE SAID THAT PERU'S REVOLUTIONARY PROGRAM WOULD
BE MAINTAINED BUT STYLE OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE MORE
OPEN TO VARYING POINTS OF VIEW. HE REITERATED PERU'S
POSITION AS NEITHER CAPITALIST NOR COMMUNIST BUT
AS PART OF THE NON-ALIGNED THIRD WORLD SEEKING ITS
INDEPENDENCE. HE SUPPORTED REGIONAL ARMS CONTROL
EFFORTS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. UPON
AMBASSADOR'S DEPARTURE HE VOLUNTEERED ASSURANCE
THAT MARCONA PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED. END SUMMARY

2. ENTIRE AMBASSADORIAL CORPS IN LIMA WAS PRESENT AT
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PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AT 12:30 SEPTEMBER 4 FOR INITIAL

EXCHANGE OF GREETINGS WITH PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ
PAPAL NUNCIO EXTENDED GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES ON BE-
HALF OF AMBASSADORS TO WHICH PRESIDENT RESPONDED ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES. HE SAID THAT HE WAS HONORED AND FEELS
A DEEP SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AT HAVING BEEN SELECTED
BY THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE FORCES OF PERU TO
PRESIDE OVER THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION GOVERNMENT IN ITS
SECOND PHASE. HE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO INITIATE
HIS DIALOGUE WITH THE AMBASSADORIAL CORPS IN LIMA AND
ASKED THEM TO TRANSMIT HIS RESPECTFUL GREETINGS TO THEIR
RESPECTIVE HEADS OF STATE. HE SAID HIS DESIGNATION
REPRESENTED A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP BUT NO CHANGE IN THE
PROGRAMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION WHICH
ARE OUTLINED IN DETAIL IN THE PLAN INCA. IN THIS SECOND
PHASE HIS GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO CONSOLIDATE AND
DEEPEN (PROFUNDIZAR) THE WORK THUS FAR CARRIED OUT BY
REVOLUTION -- TO CONSOLIDATE MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN
AND TO CARRY OUT OR COMPLETE OBJECTIVES NOT YET REACHED.
HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT
GO BEYOND THE PROGRAMS ALREADY KNOWN TO ALL (MEANING THERE
WILL BE NO SURPRISES). HE SAID THE MAIN DIFFERENCE WILL BE
A CHANGE IN STYLE IN THAT THE PROCESS WILL BE MORE OPEN;
THERE WILL BE MORE DIALOGUE AND MORE TOLERATION, STUDY
AND CONSIDERATION OF DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW BEFORE
ACTIONS ARE TAKEN. HE REFERRED TO THE RECENT AMNESTY IN
THIS CONNECTION.

3. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SIDE HE SAID PERU WILL FOLLOW
THE PRECEPTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND WILL SEEK TO
MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS. AT THE
SAME TIME IT IS A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY AND CONSIDERS
ITSELF PART OF THE THIRD WORLD AS RECENTLY REAFFIRMED
DURING THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. PERU, HE
CONTINUED, IS NEITHER CAPITALIST NOR COMMUNIST BUT LIKE
OTHER NATIONS IN THE WORLD DESIRES TO FOLLOW ITS OWN
INDEPENDENT COURSE. (AT THIS POINT HE TURNED TO THE CUBAN
AMBASSADOR AND IN A FRIENDLY FASHION ASKED HIS UNDERSTANDING
AS HE SAID NEITHER WOULD PERU GO THE CUBAN ROUTE.) HE
FURTHER SAID THAT PERU FAVORS PEACE AND WILL WORK TOWARD
ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMEMENT WITH ITS NEIGHBORS AND ON
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A WORLD-WIDE BASIS. BUT, HE ADDED, IT WILL NOT DROP
ITS GUARD AGAINST ANY THREATS FROM THE OUTSIDE NOR BE
CAUGHT UNPREPARED AS IT ONCE WAS.

4. UPON TERMINATING HIS FORMAL REMARKS, THE PRESIDENT
JOINED THE AMBASSADORS IN AN INFORMAL COCKTAIL HOUR
(WHICH LASTED ABOUT 25 MINUTES) DURING WHICH HE RESPONDED
TO QUESTIONS AND EXPANDED UPON THE POINTS MADE ABOVE.

HE DECLARED HIS ACCESSIBILITY TO THE AMBASSADORS INDIVIDUALLY AND EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO MEET WITH THEM COLLECTIVELY FROM TIME TO TIME FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGES OF VIEWS. HE REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION INTERNATIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY AND SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE THE TYPE OF CONTACT WITH THE PEOPLE OF PERU AT ALL LEVELS THAT HE MAINTAINED AS PRIME MINISTER. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE AND REFERRED TO THE ANDEAN PACT AS A GOOD EXAMPLE.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF ACCURATE AND ADEQUATE INFORMATION CONCERNING PERU'S ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION, HE INDICATED SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGH HIS NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY, LUIS BARUA CASTANEDA, THE FIRST CIVILIAN IN THE REVOLUTIONARY CABINET. HE LAUDED BARUA'S CAPACITY IN THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FIELDS, EXPRESSED HIS COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM AND SAID THAT THROUGH HIS PARTICIPATION IN CABINET MEETINGS THUS FAR HELD HE HAD EARNED THE RESPECT AND FULL ACCEPTANCE OF HIS MILITARY COLLEAGUES. AMONG OTHER THINGS HE ASSURED THE AMBASSADORS THAT THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS THEY HAD WITH FREE ENTRY AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC DETAILS IN RECENT MONTHS WOULD BE QUICKLY RESOLVED AND AFTER A FINAL TOAST TOOK LEAVE OF EACH AMBASSADOR INDIVIDUALLY BEFORE DEPARTURE. IN HIS GOODBYE TO ME HE VOLUNTEERED HIS ASSURANCES IN A VOICE CLEARLY AUDIBLE TO THE MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MARCONA PROBLEM WOULD BE RESOLVED.

6. COMMENT: NEEDLESS TO SAY I WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS PRESIDENTIAL ASSURANCE REGARDING MARCONA QUESTION WITH A CALL ON THE NEW MINISTER OF MINES AS SOON AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE IS AVAILABLE. FONOFFICE SECGENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA WAS PRESENT FOR THIS EXCHANGE AND WE DISCUSSED NEXT STEPS TO BE TAKEN. I WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM AS WELL AS NEW MINISTER OF MINES. THE PRESIDENT IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS THE COUNTRY OVER A NATION-WIDE TV AND RADIO HOOK-UP AT 8:00 P.M. THIS EVENING. I BELIEVE HE WILL MAKE MANY OF THE SAME POINTS HE MADE TO THE AMBASSADORIAL CORPS.
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